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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following amendments prior to examining the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS**In the Specification**

At p. 1 before the "Technical Field" section, please insert the following:

--RELATED PATENT DATA

This patent resulted from a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/260,182, filed March 1, 1999, entitled "Methods of Forming Flash Memory", naming Graham Wolstenholme as inventor, now abandoned, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are in the application. In the previous application, claims 24-31 were allowed. This application is submitted in an abundance of caution to submit art of which the undersigned just because aware. The claims are believed to be allowable over the references of record.

The undersigned notes the Examiner's previously indicated allowability of claims 24-31 and, in light thereof, asks the Examiner specifically to consider and examine claims 42, 43 and 44 in this application.

Examination of all claims on the merit is requested in light of this continuation filing, and action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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